



MINISTERIUM  
FÜR EIN  
LEBENSWERTES  
ÖSTERREICH

bmlfuw.gv.at



LE 14-20

Entwicklung für den Ländlichen Raum

# THE MONITORING COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS

*Brussels, 11 June 2015*

Veronika Madner

Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry,  
Environment and Water Management  
*Managing Authority, Austria*

Regulation (EU) Nr. 1303/2013 (CPR), Regulation (EU) Nr. 1305/2013 (EAFRD) & national RDP (Chapter 15.2)

- Set up **within three months** after adoption of the programme
- **Composition** of the Monitoring Committee: representatives of the relevant Member State authorities and intermediate bodies and of representatives of the partners
- At least **a meeting a year**
- **Functions and responsibilities** of the Monitoring Committee:
  - review implementation of the programme and progress towards achieving its objectives (financial data, indicators, milestones of performance framework)
  - opinion on any amendment of the programme and selection criteria
  - observations regarding implementation and evaluation of the programme including actions related to the reduction of the administrative burden on beneficiaries
  - examination of fulfilment of ex ante conditionalities
  - participation in the national rural network
  - approval of the annual implementation reports

# RD MONITORING COMMITTEE IN AUSTRIA – RULES OF PROCEDURES



MINISTERIUM  
FÜR EIN  
LEBENSWERTES  
ÖSTERREICH

adopted within the 1st meeting

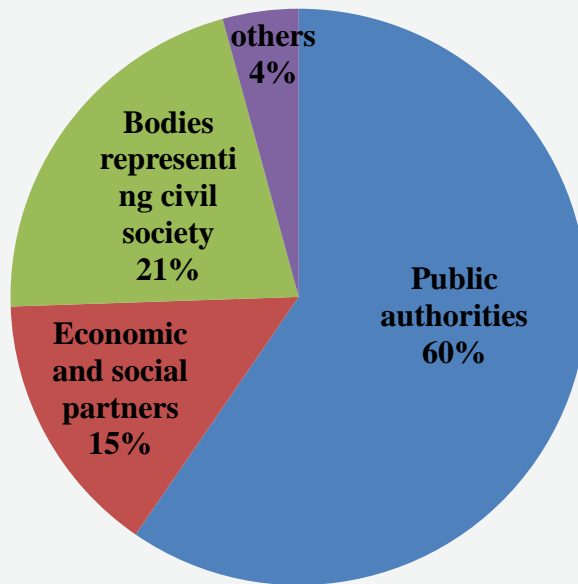
## Structure:

- I. General
- II. Composition, voting right, chair, coordination office
- III. Tasks
  - Tasks according to regulations
  - MC as important platform for exchange of information and discussion
- IV. Functioning
  - establishment of working groups on certain topics upon request
- V. Procedures for decision-making
  - Half of the voting members must be present
  - Simple majority decisions
  - Information of broader public about the decisions
- VI. Final provisions

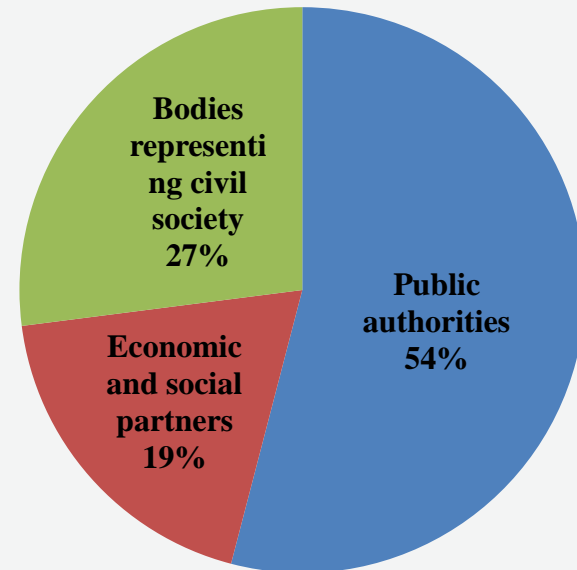
# RD MONITORING COMMITTEE IN AUSTRIA – COMPOSITION

- Composition based on legal requirements and the MC 07-13
- Representation of members (47):

**All members (47)**



**Members with voting right (37)**



- Considering a balanced representation of most important stakeholders

➤ Platform of Monitoring Committee (restricted access) provides information on:

- Rules of procedure
- EU regulations
- Programme modifications
- Meetings of MC:
  - annual reports
  - monitoring tables
  - presentations



The screenshot shows the website of the Monitoring Committee Platform. The header includes the logo of the Ministry for Quality of Life Austria and the title 'PLATTFORMEN'. The main content area is titled 'Plattformen' and lists various categories under 'LE 2020', including 'Begleitausschuss LE14-20', 'Allgemeine Informationen', 'Rechtsgrundlagen', 'Programmänderungen', 'Netzwerk Land', '1. Sitzung des BA', '2. Sitzung des BA', 'Abwicklung Projektmaßnahmen', and 'Priorität 1' through '6'. Below this, there is a section for '1. Sitzung des BA' dated 'am 16.01.2015' and a link to 'Aktuelle Beiträge zum Thema'. A section titled 'Unterlagen zur 1. Sitzung des Begleitausschusses' provides information about downloading documents from the meeting on 16.01.2015, with a link to 'Erfahren Sie mehr'.

➤ MC is informed about ongoing developments in rural development via e-mail (newsletter)

# POSSIBILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION



- Involvement of stakeholders (MC members) during the whole programming process
  
- Opinions and observations on:
  - Implementation and evaluation of the programme
  - Selection criteria
  - Communication strategy
  
- Discussion and approval of the annual implementation reports and amendments of the programme
  
- Possibility for establishment of working groups on certain topics upon request
  - MC decides on composition/members
  - Results have to be presented in MC

# LIMITATIONS...?

- Different opinions among MC members
- Political dimension
- Final responsibility
- Limited financial and human resources → preparing information and creating opportunities for participation are time-consuming

→ **Support by NRN**



CONTACT:

Veronika Madner

E-Mail: [veronika.madner@bmlfuw.gv.at](mailto:veronika.madner@bmlfuw.gv.at)

